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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the July 13, 2005 Non-Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before January 13, 2006. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 27353-501 UTIL. Please address all correspondence to customer number 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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